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GENERAL INTEREST

On 27 July 2001, CINCPACFLT Detachment, Northwest Regional Maintenance Coordinator issued the Northwest Intermediate and Depot Level Maintenance Integration Plan as a tool to communicate guidance and capture lessons learned for consolidation of commands and integration of I & D level ship maintenance activities in the Pacific Northwest. Planning Teams and managers within and outside the Pacific Northwest ship maintenance activities may use the document to gain understanding of the integration plan and as context for planning improvements.

A Fleet Maintenance Executive Steering Committee (FMESC), formerly known as the Regional Maintenance Implementation Board, meeting was held at SUBASE Bangor, WA, on 11-12 July 2001. The meeting was hosted by CINCPACFLT Detachment, Northwest Regional Maintenance Coordinator. Most of the major maintenance commands and SYSCOMs were represented. A wide variety of subjects were covered during the two day meeting. A Flag and Senior Executive Service (SES) meeting was held the afternoon of the second day. The official minutes of the meeting are being prepared by Mr. Lutz of CINCLANTFLT staff and will be forwarded when approved.

Captain Timothy M. Giardina relieved Captain Michael Oliver as Commander Submarine Squadron Seventeen in a Change of Command ceremony on 11 July 2001.

Captain Peter Ozimek relieved Captain Mike Willy as Commanding Officer of Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Pacific Northwest (NAVIMFAC PACNORWEST) in a Change of Command Ceremony on 13 July 2001.

As Captain Mike Willy departs the area for his new assignment in Florida the Northwest Regional Maintenance Coordinator Staff would like to thank him for his contributions to regionalization and consolidation efforts in the Northwest region.

Captain Willy provided wise counsel and shared his varied experiences with the personnel involved in these projects, always pointing out shortfalls and potential problems unseen by other members. We thank him for his efforts and wish him the very best in his new assignment.

Captain Steven R. Kremer relieved Captain Judith A. Holden as Commanding Officer of Naval Station Bremerton in a Change of Command Ceremony on 12 July 2001.

Commander, Submarine Development Squadron Five (DEVRON 5) officially relocated its Unmanned Undersea Vehicle (UUV) Detachment from San Diego, CA to Bangor, WA. Under an agreement with Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Division Keyport, a UUV Detachment is now located on Naval Submarine Base (SUBASE) Bangor in a building shared with NUWC Keyport. The UUV Detachment is responsible for operation, maintenance, and tactical development of Submarine UUV systems.

On behalf of the crew of USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN, Commanding Officer Captain Douglas K. Dupouy accepted the Arleigh Burke Award during a ceremony held on the carrier's flight deck on 11 July 2001. On hand to present the award was Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, Admiral Thomas B. Fargo. Admiral Fargo stated that USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN's crew deserved the recognition. He had watched their deployment with great interest. Admiral Fargo noted that the LINCOLN had been given one of the toughest deployments that he had seen. Then the time in the Gulf got even tougher when the Force protection situation became the most difficult since Desert Storm which the LINCOLN's crew handled with great skill and professionalism.

The fast Combat Support Ship USS SUPPLY (AOE 6) became USNS SUPPLY (T-AOE 6) when it recently transferred to operation control of the Military Sealift Command (MSC). This is the first of four ships of the Supply Class scheduled for transfer to MSC operational control by September 2004. The ship's crew of 544 Sailors will be replaced by a crew of 176 civilian mariners and 59 Sailors. The crew size is reduced due to the ship's change in status to a non-combatant vessel.

The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) vision to train more Sailors faster, better and at less cost, recently came into focus at Fleet Training Center (FTC) Norfolk, VA. Sixteen fleet-wide Sailors graduated from the CISCO Networking Academy Program at FTC Norfolk, VA. The program teaches students how to design, build and maintain small to medium size computer networks.

CNET adapted the program for the Navy to teach in a non traditional environment using a commercial curriculum. The Local Training Authority Hampton Roads, VA implemented the program under the auspices of the Homeport Training Initiative. The Navy is experiencing the same shortages of experienced network administrators that are affecting private industry. To combat this, the Navy is adapting its training to provide the right skills and offer opportunities that promote the "whole person" concept that leads to developing career Sailors.

Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC) Division Keyport, WA is the winner of the FY 2000 Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Energy Conservation Award, Industrial category. NUWC Division Keyport is authorized to fly the SECNAV flag for a period of one year and will receive a monetary award. The award is just one component in the department of the Navy's highly effective energy awareness effort. Executive Order 13123 requires federal facilities to reduce energy consumption by 35 percent by the year 2010. The Navy has already achieved over 26 percent savings since 1995, the baseline year. The award winners will be honored at a prestigious award ceremony to be held on 18 October 2001 at the Navy Memorial in Washington D.C.

Following a year focused on aligning the Navy to better focus on the Fleet, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Clark has announced that his top personal action item for the next 12 months is to revolutionize the way the Navy trains Sailors. Named "TASK FORCE EXCEL" (Excellence through Commitment to Education and Learning), this initiative will provide the tools and opportunities that will enable people to learn, grow and develop into successful leaders who make a difference in the Navy. "We must have a commitment to education and learning that will arm our Sailors to excel; we owe those who promise to serve the best possible training throughout their Navy experience so they can succeed and prosper in their professional and personal lives," said Admiral Clark.

As stated in previous issues, the Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair (SUPSHIP), Puget Sound will relocate their headquarters from a leased, commercial facility in downtown Everett to a government-owned facility in Bremerton, WA. Renovation of "Building 844" in Bremerton into office spaces is continuing on schedule. As of mid-July, 65% actual progress has been reported. SUPSHIP expects personnel to start moving into the new facility no later than 30 September 2001. Anticipate 76 SUPSHIP personnel to occupy their new offices.

The USS HOUSTON (SSN 713) has recently been a guest at SUBASE Bangor. The HOUSTON is homeported at San Diego, CA and soon to be at PSNS in Bremerton WA.

This is the second time in recent months that the HOUSTON has visited SUBASE Bangor. In April 2001, the ship was here for a Nuclear Weapons Acceptance Inspection (NWA) certification, one of the select few fast-attack submarines to do so.

The HOUSTON will be the first of the Los Angeles Class submarines to arrive in PSNS for an extensive refueling overhaul. Commissioned in September 1982, the HOUSTON was on the front end of the rapid build up of Los Angeles Class submarines, which once numbered nearly 100. Many of these 360 foot attack submarines are scheduled to be overhauled. PSNS will perform many of these overhauls, and they should prove to be a welcome influx of work for PSNS.

*****REGIONAL MAINTENANCE MEETINGS/CONFERENCES/VISITS*****

None scheduled at this time.

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